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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO UNGA RESOLUTION OF VIETNAM
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: WORKING GROUP ON PROCEDURAL TACTICS FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA (U.S., U.K., CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, NETHERLANDS, JAPAN, AND ROK) MET P.M. SEPTEMBER 9 AT ROK OBSERVER'S OFFICE. AT MEETING, ROK STATED ITS PREFERENCE TO OSTPONE A PRO-ROK RESOLUTION OR AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO UNGA RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EARLY AND FAVORABLE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.END SUMMARY.

2. THE ROK SAID THAT, FOLLOWING SOUNDINGS IN NEW YORK BY FOREIGN MINISTER KIM AND OTHER ROK REPRESENTATIVES AS
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WELL AS ABROAD BY ROK POSTS, KIM'S CONCLUSION WAS THAT,

WITHOUT 100 PERCENT CERTAINTY OF A FAVORABLE VOTE, IT WAS PREFERABLE TO POSTPONE A PRO-ROK RESOLUTION OR AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO A PRO-VIETNAM UNGA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION. THE ROK ADDED KIM WAS CONCERNED THAT A PRO-VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION WOULD ENJOY OVERWHELMING A MAJORITY AS TO CAST A PRO-ROK RESOLUTION IN THE SHADE. FURTHERMORE, KIM ANTICIPATED THAT ATTEMPTS WOULD BE MADE TO AMEND A PRO-ROK RESOLUTION TO AMENDMENT SO AS TO MAKE THE ROK'S ADMISSION CONTINGENT ON NORTH KOREA'S APPROVAL. IN THIS REGARD, SOUNDING JUST TAKEN HAD REVEALED MANY COUNTRIES ATTACHING IMPORTANCE TO THE SO-CALLED DIVIDED-STATES PRINCIPLE. THE ROK ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT KIM DID NOT WANT TO DILUTE THE EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE FRIENDLY AND DEFEAT THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. ON BALANCE, THEREFORE, THE ROK THOUGHT IT DESIRABLE TO POSTPONE A PRO-ROK RESOLUTION OR AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AN UNGA RESOLUTION ON THE VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.

3. IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED, THE U.S., U.K., NEW ZEALAND, NETHERLANDS, AND CANADA ALL STRESSED THEIR SOLID SUPPORT FOR THE ROK HAD IT DECIDED ON A RESPONSE, BUT EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH ON BEHALF OF KIM.

4. THE ROK SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT CIRCULATE A LETTER DURING THE UNGA GIVING ROK VIEWS ON THE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION. THE WG DID NOT FAVOR THIS, BECAUSE IT COULD TEND TO DRAW ATTENTION TO LACK OF RESPONSE TO A PRO-VIETNAM RESOLUTION. NEW ZEALAND CONSIDERED THE GENERAL DEBATE A MORE APPROPRIATE MEANS OF ADDRESSING THE ROK MEMBERSHIP QUESTION. THE U.S. UNDERSOURED THAT THE UNGA HAS ALREADY PASSED RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR ADMISSION OF THE ROK (E.G. 1144 (XII), 25 OCTOBER 1957; 1017 (XI), 28 FEBRUARY 1957) AND STRESS MIGHT BE MADE IN CONVERSATIONS THAT INTRODUCTION OF A NEW RESOLUTION WOULD BE A REPETITION. THE U.K. SUGGESTED THAT USE MIGHT ALSO BE MADE OF THE FACT THAT, WITH THE COMPOSITION OF THE UNSC UNCHANGED SINCE ITS RECENT UNJUSTIFIED REFUSAL TO CONSIDER THE ROK'S APPLICATION, IT WOULD SEEM POINTLESS TO PRESS THE ISSUE SO SOON AGAIN.

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